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MOBILE COUNTY MAN INDICTED IN METHAMPHETAMINE MANUFACTURING CONSPIRACY AND WEAPONS CHARGE

MOBILE, AL-- Jeffrey Jason Himes was indicted by the federal grand jury today in a five count indictment for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine in violation of Title 21 USC §846, one count of possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine in violation of Title 21 USC §841 (a)(1), two counts of possession of listed chemicals with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine in violation of Title 21 USC §841 (c)(1), and being an unlawful drug user in possession of a firearm in violation of Title 18 USC §922(g)(3). For obvious reasons, Congress had made it a federal crime for illegal drug users to possess firearms.

The indictment charges an amount of methamphetamine in excess of 50 grams which triggers a 5 year mandatory minimum imprisonment sentence for Himes with a maximum sentence of 40 years imprisonment, pursuant to Title 21, USC § 841(b)(1)(B).

The United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, Deborah J. Rhodes, stated, "The manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamine has a devastating impact on the community. We will continue to work with our state and local partners to aggressively prosecute these cases throughout the Southern District of Alabama."

The case is being jointly investigated by the Mobile County Sheriff's Office, Narcotics Division, and the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Enforcement Division.

An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until and unless he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.

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